

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application, as amended herein, is respectfully requested.

Claims 24 - 44 and 47 - 48 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1 - 23 and 45 - 46 were previously canceled.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of all claims, as noted in the Notice of Allowability dated November 2, 2009.

However, subsequent to the mailing of the Notice of Allowability, claims 37, 38, 47 and 48 are being amended herein to correct an obvious error found in those claims when reviewing the allowed subject matter. In particular, in each of those claims a transform coefficient "to be coded" was referenced when, clearly, the claim described decoding, rather than coding. As such, the correct phrase should be "to be decoded" in view of the language of the claims. Thus, Applicants' have amended the language of claims 37, 38, 47, 48 to change the erroneous single occurrences of the phrase "to be coded" to the phrase "to be decoded", as properly fits the context of those claims.

The claims are still believed to be allowable for the reasons set forth in the Notice of Allowability, among other reasons.

Applicants' respectfully request entry of the attached claim amendments and an expedient issue of the current application.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stermer LLP, No. 12-1099.

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